

REMARKS

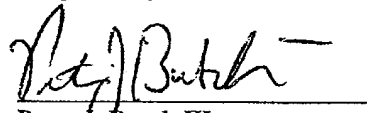
This amendment is submitted prior to examination of the above-identified Divisional Patent Application. The specification has been amended to insert a priority claim to parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/572,851 filed December 14, 1995, which issued on even date herewith as U.S. Patent No. 6,316,144. Claims 1 to 44, which were examined in the parent application, have been canceled. Applicants have also temporarily removed battery claims 58-60 and method claim 70 from the application. A second preliminary amendment will be submitted to present these claims in a format without multiple dependencies, and to conform all of the claims to United States practice, as well as to the subject matter allowed in the parent application.

To be complete applicants note that in the parent application the number "20" was inadvertently skipped in the claim numbering sequence. In the parent application, the Examiner required applicants to submit a renumbered claim set. In the second preliminary amendment applicants will renumber remaining claims 45-57 and 61-70 as 44-56 and 60-69.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." A favorable first action on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if there are any issues requiring resolution.

Finally, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-5425 for any charges in connection with this Preliminary Amendment.

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